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SUBJECT: MITRIONE/FLY KIDNAPPINGS - FURTHER VIEWS OF VICE PRESIDENT

REF : MONTEVIDEO 1604

1. PER VICE PRESIDENT ARDALA'S REQUEST REPORTED PARA 3 REFTEL, TULL CALLED VEEP'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, EDUARDO CAMPOS, MID-AFTERNOON TODAY (AUGUST 7). CAMPOS SAID IN ALMOST JUBILANT TONE THAT VICE PRESIDENT NOW BELIEVED FURTHER MEETING NOT NECESSARY AS HE IS MORE CONVINCED THAN EVERY THAT EVERYTHING WOULD TURN OUT WELL ("SALE BIEN"). (CAMPOS WAS OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO VICE PRESIDENT'S VIEW CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL THAT TUPAMAROS WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT MURDER HOSTAGES EVEN THOUGH TONIGHT'S MIDNIGHT DEADLINE PASSES WITHOUT CHANGE IN GOU ATTITUDE TOWARD CURRENT RANSOM DEMAND.) CAMPOS REPEATED

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SEVERAL TIMES THAT VICE PRESIDENT WAS VERY CONFIDENT AFTER HIS DISCUSSIONS LATER LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING. CAMPOS ALSO INDICATED THAT MEETING THIS MORNING BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT AND GROUP OF LEGISLATORS WENT WELL, BUT WAS RELUCTANT TO GIVE DETAILS OVER TELEPHONE. TULL EXPRESSED OUR GRATITUDE TO VICE PRESIDENT FOR HIS SEEING ME YESTERDAY EVENING AND SAID THAT WE WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME, DAY OR NIGHT, IF VEEP THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO RENEW OUR CONVERSATIONS.

2. COMMENT: AS I REPORTED LAST NIGHT I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SHARE THE VEEP'S ATTITUDE AS TO THE MLN'S INTENTIONS TOWARD ITS HOSTAGES. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH THE VICE PRESIDENT OCCUPIES A HIGH OFFICE, HAS LONG POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND MANY CONTACTS IN THIS COUNTRY, I CANNOT FEEL THE SAME CONFIDENCE IN THIS SITUATION THAT HE EVIDENTLY DOES.
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